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## Annual Convention of C. P. A.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association opened at Niagara Falls, at the International Hotel, on August 17, at 3:30 p. m. The following members were present: R. F. Albrecht, S. B. Bradt, R. R. Bogert, G. N. Campbell, F. J. Grenny. H. E. Deats, H. A. Fowler, H. F. Ketcheson, C. H. Mekeel, L. W. Mott, Walter McMahon, A. R. Rogers. The following visitors were also present: John K. Tiffany, President of the American Philatelic Association, W. C. Stone, I. A. Mekeel, Alvah Davidson, Geo. W. Rode, J. H. Houston, Gus. J. Luhn, W. B. Caldwell, Mr. Wheatherston, In the absence of the President and Secretary; Mr. S. B. Bradt was called to take the chair and Mr. H. F. Ketcheson to act as Secretary. The Convention was then called to order. The chairman appointed the following committee on credentials: R. F. Albrecht, R. R. Bogert, H. A. Fowler. The chairman announced that all holding proxies should hand same to this committee at once. The Convention adjourned for fifteen minutes to give the committee on credentials time to report. The committee on credentials intimated to the chairman that they were ready, the Convention was called to order and the committee begged to make the following report: H. F. Ketcheson, 25 proxies, three thrown out, H. A. Fowler, two, Walter McMahon, one, J. F. Grenny, one. The three proxies rejected was because the members giving them had not paid their dues and were not entitled to vote; signed R. F. Albrecht, R. R. Bogert, H. A. Fowler. It was moved and seconded that this report be received and adopted. On motion the roll call was dispensed with and minutes of last meeting taken as read. The chairman appointed the following committees: Finance,—G. N. Campbell, Walter McMahon, L. W. Mott. Library,—A. R. Rogers, H. F. Ketcheson, F. J. Grenny; Exchange,—R. R. Bogert, Walter McMahon, F. J. Grenny; Constitution and By-laws,—H. F. Ketcheson, F. J. Grenny, Walter McMahon, H. A. Fowler and the chairman, S. B. Bradt. Reports of the officers were then read. The President not having sent in any report, the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer were then read and were as follows:—

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, *August 15th, 1892.*

GENTLEMEN,—I have the pleasure to submit herewith my annual report. The year just closed has been one of struggle and yet not of despair. Assailed in many directions we have yet had friends who have spoken a good word and have helped us to succeed. Looking towards the future it will be seen that our prospects are better than they were a year ago, and if all the present members will stand by us there is no reason why we should not grandly succeed in the coming year. All the difficulties are not out of the way as the Superintendant of Exchange will inform you, but matters are now improving and I would ask the members to give a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together. I would ask your attention to the following report:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| At last convention we showed a nominal membership of | | 96 |
| DEDUCT | | |
| Dropped during year | 25 | |
| Resigned during year | 16 | 41 |
| | | 55 |
| ADD | | |
| New members | | 30 |
| Present membership | | 85 |

It might be seen at first glance that we had lost ground, but such is not the case. The nominal list of members included a large number (fully 30) who were a year or more in arrears so that our actual membership at the time of Convention was much less than the nominal membership. At the present time nearly every member is paid up to 30th June. Payments are coming in every day. Our new membership is composed of men who, I think, will stay with us, and I hope our roll of members will be much larger when the time for another Convention arrives.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. S. CLARK, *Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*From August 27th, 1891, to 18th August, 1892.*

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance received from Dr. Cameron Aug. 27th, 1891 | $23 56 |
| Received from members for dues as per detailed list attached | 135 50 |
| Received as deposit on application from Geo. A. Moore | 1 00 |
| | 160 06 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1891 | | | |
| Aug. | 27 | J. R. Hooper, account library | 2 22 |
| Sept. | 21 | Express charges on supplies from late Secretary, D. A. King | 1 00 |
| Nov. | 5 | Quarterly grant official organ | 12 50 |
| " | " | Cards for Secretary | 2 50 |
| " | 16 | Postage for Secretary | 1 50 |
| 1892 | | | |
| Jan. | 8 | Postage for Secretary | 2 00 |
| " | 8 | Secretary's salary | 12 50 |
| " | 11 | Commission on cheque | 15 |
| " | 12 | Quarterly grant on official organ | 12 50 |
| " | 19 | C. E. Cameron, postage | 3 19 |
| " | 21 | A. E. Labelle, account library | 1 00 |
| Feb. | 20 | Membership cards and blank applications | 6 00 |
| " | " | Printing cards for Secretary | 1 00 |
| " | " | Note heads for Secretary | 2 50 |
| " | " | R. R. Bogart, on account balance due him by late Exchange Department | 20 00 |
| Mar. | 8 | A. E. Labelle, balance on account removing Library from Ottawa | 5 47 |
| May | 1 | Quarterly grant official organ | 12 50 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 16 | Postage, Secretary | $ 2 00 |
| " | " | Commission on cheque | 15 |
| " | 26 | E. F. Wurtele, postage | 1 50 |
| July | 14 | A. E. Labelle, freight on books | 60 |
| " | 27 | Salary, Secretary | 12 50 |
| " | " | P. Sicotte, account balance due from late Ex-Dep't. | 1 00 |
| " | 30 | Commissions on three cheques | 45 |
| Aug. | 6 | Quarterly grant official organ | 12 50 |
| " | " | Commission on cheque | 15 |
| " | 9 | Postage, Secretary | 2 00 |
| " | 10 | C. E. Cameron, postage to date | 2 75 |
| " | 13 | Postage and envelopes to date | 1 50 |
| | | | 135 63 |
| " | 15 | Balance on hand | 24 43 |
| | | | 160 06 |

It was then moved by H. A. Fowler, seconded by Walter McMahon, that the reports of the Secretary-Treasury be received and handed to the Finance Committee.—Carried

The report of the Trustees was then read, and is as follows :—

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

QUEBEC, *10th August, 1892.*

*To the Members of the Canadian Philatelic Association :*

GENTLEMEN,—We have the honour to submit the following report bearing upon the administration of the affairs of the Association during our term of office.

As you are no doubt aware we have had many difficulties to contend with, some of which have been satisfactorily arranged, while on the other hand there still remains a very important matter which we consider advisable to present to the members in Convention, with a view of having a decision arrived at as to the best action which can be taken to overcome the difficulty.

The first difficulty which was brought to our notice, was that in connection with the Library. The late officer in charge refused to send the books, papers, etc., in his possession and belonging to the Association to the present Librarian, Major A. E. Labelle, of Montreal. However, after considerable correspondence the matter was settled and the books, etc. forwarded to the above mentioned officer and in whose possession they now remain.

Another matter which received our attention was in connection with the Exchange Department. One of the members, for reasons best known to himself, retained one of the circuit books and only after considerable time, and trouble, was he made return the books in question. This delay on his part caused much dissatisfaction, as the owners of the sheets were prevented from knowing their actual standing with the Exchange Department.

The greatest difficulty we have had to deal with has been the matter of the Exchange Department and which remains unsettled. The late Exchange Superintendent, Mr. F. J. Grenny, with the exception of the one herewith, has never sent a statement showing the position of affairs, although repeatedly requested to do so by our President, Dr. C. E. Cameron, of Montreal, and by the Trustees. On two occasions the latter requested a detailed statement of the monies received and expended by him, but to date no satisfactory

result has been obtained. This has been a very serious matter to the Association, and has been calculated to work considerable harm, not only in view of the members interested in the Department during his administration, but on account of the effect it had on the business carried on since Mr. H. F. Ketcheson's election to office. This gentleman has had to contend with many difficulties, caused directly by the trouble under consideration, and has never had the opportunity of making the Department the success it would otherwise have attained.

We strongly recommend the members in Convention to decide upon taking such action as will compel Mr. Grenny not only to return the books of the Association, but to furnish a statement of the affairs in order to enable a settlement with such as are interested, and we consider that no excuse can be entertained for any longer delay, as every opportunity has been given Mr. Grenny to make a statement had he desired so to do.

We also submit statement showing the members owing the Exchange Department and those having claims against it. Many of the names given appear to us to be responsible parties and we cannot but express surprise that they allow the matter to remain unsettled and trust they will see the justice of immediately placing themselves in a favourable light and enabling a settlement to be arrived at, and making our Association what it should be, one of the best in existence.

The following is the balance sheet referred to and which was furnished by Mr. Grenny, on the 20th June last:—

| Dr. | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal Branch | $ 0 20 | Halifax Branch | $11 31 |
| F. E. Book | 15 66 | Dr. C. E. Cameron | 30 38 |
| H. S. Harte | 9 51 | Capt. E. T. Taylor | 14 80 |
| N. E. Carter | 1 11 | P. Sicotte | 21 00 |
| J. M. Sheridan | 13 | R. R. Bogert | 78 54 |
| W. F. Dent | 15 67 | | |
| H. C. Kendall | 39 35 | | |
| R. M. Spencer | 2 68 | | |
| E. R. Aldrich | 41 | | |
| W. L. Emory | 62 | | |
| A. G. Needham | 1 50 | | |
| G. D. Ives | 7 67 | | |
| Alf. Lane | 6 09 | | |
| J. C. Montgomery | 5 74 | | |
| M. R. Knight | 17 08 | | |
| H. C. Moody | 2 65 | | |
| J. S. Robertson | 2 59 | | |
| P. Parrish | 6 12 | | |
| T. O. Pardoe | 6 92 | | |
| C. Beamish | 14 | | |
| V. H. Young | 6 35 | | |
| W. H. Brouse | 4 08 | | |
| To balance | 3 76 | | |
| | $156 03 | | $156 03 |

Mr. Ketcheson reports that of the above the following settlements have been made: N. E. Carter, paid $1.11; G. D. Ives, paid $7.67; P. Parrish, paid $3 on account H. L. Harte's liability is secured. R. R. Bogart was paid $20.00, and P. Sicotte 5.13 on

account. Mr. Fred. Ineson, under date 27th May, has informed us that Mr. Grenny advised him on the 7th August, 1891, that there remained a balance to his credit of $3.35. You will notice that no mention is made of this in above statement. An explanation is now in order.

We regret that time will not permit our attending the convention, and trust that the meeting will be a successful one and that this matter will be considered thoroughly, as upon its result will in a great measure depend our success in the future. Remove the present difficulty and matters will no doubt turn out favorably. Wishing you every success and a pleasant and large meeting. We remain, gentlemen, yours very truly,

ERNEST F. WURTELE, Chairman,
CLO. C. MORENCY,
MONTEFOIRE JOSEPH,
} Trustees, C.P.A.

Mr. Grenny desired to make a few remarks, as this report spoke of some matters in which he was interested. He said he had done his best to straighten up the affairs of the Exchange Department, but owing to the Halifax Branch and Wilson Wilby having a number of books in their possession for several months, delay had been caused and much dissatisfaction. Referring to the statement contained in the Trustees' report, showing the assets and liabilities as at present, he desired to state that he had made every effort to collect these amounts, but had failed. He had tried to do his duty to the best of his ability.

Mr. H. F. Ketcheson then said that he was of the opinion that two-thirds of the delinquent accounts could be collected, and that he would undertake the task providing this Convention would give him the authority. It was then moved by G. N. Campbell seconded by R. R. Bogert, that this Convention authorize H. F. Ketcheson to take over the affairs of the Exchange Department as conducted by F. J. Grenny, and that he have authority to collect all accounts and settle all balances due.—Carried.

## EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The report of the Exchange Superintendent was then read :

*To the Officers and Members of the Canadian Philatelic Association :*

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following report of the Exchange Department. I received altogether one hundred and sixty filled sheets, these we made into twenty-nine books and placed on circuits ; twenty-eight of these books have completed circuits, one book is still out on circuit.

The total value of the 150 filled sheets was $1350.20. The total sales from the 28 books that have completed circuits was $340.10, being an average of over 25 per cent., which I consider very satisfactory. Two balance sheets accompany this report. The first gives a statement of the expenses and receipts of this department ; the second gives a statement of the balance due from and owed to the members of this Department.

I have experienced considerable difficulty during the year in working my department, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the affairs under my predecessor. I have reason to believe that these old accounts will all be settled shortly, and then I will prophecy an era of prosperity in this department.

Many of our members who formerly bought and sold largely from the Exchange Department have not participated during the past year, they have been waiting for the old accounts to be settled.

H. F. KETCHESON.

The statement of assets and liabilities showed a balance due to members of $47.93. The statement was also made that not one bad debt had been contracted during the year.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid for books, rubber stamp and stationery to open department | $6 60 | |
| Printing 4,000 blank sheets | 12 00 | |
| Postage 1st half year | 6 42 | |
| Postage, 2nd half year | 5 90 | |
| Sold 194 exchange sheets | | $9 70 |
| Balance | | 21 22 |
| | 30 92 | 30 92 |

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and handed to the Committee —Carried.

The Librarian's report was then read, and on motion was referred to proper committee.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

*To the President and Members of the Canadian Philatelic Association :*

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to hand you my annual report for the year 1891-1892 as Librarian.

I have received during that time for the library, the following gifts, which were duly acknowledged in the official organ.

| | |
|---|---|
| Dr. C. E. Cameron | 421 pieces. |
| Mr. W. D. Boyd | 193 " |
| Major A. E. Labelle | 55 " |
| Mr. C. C. Morency | 37 " |
| Capt. E. F. Wurtele | 36 " |
| *Essex Co. Philatelist* | 8 " |
| *American Philatelist* | 1 " |
| Mr. T. S. Clark | 1 " |
| Mr. E. C. Biggar | 1 " |
| Total | 753 " |
| There was in the library when I took office | 3128 " |
| Making a grand total of | 3881 " |

Although the number of pieces in the library is quite large, considering the time our society has been in existence, I must say that only 1,825 pieces really compose the library, the balance 2056 is composed of duplicate stamp papers, and about 400 price lists and auction sale catalogues (not priced) which are entirely useless.

I was appointed Librarian in October last, but my predecessor did not send me the books until the end of December, and after the glowing accounts he had given of the library, and of the work he was doing, I was rather disappointed at the state it was in. Any way, as soon as I could put it in order, and take out the duplicates, I published a full catalogue of what it contained, in the official organ, advising the members at the same time that I would supply them with any books, providing they would pay postage and return them within ten days, but during the year only one member availed himself of the opportunity.

I would suggest that at this annual meeting the members would authorize the Librarian to sell the duplicate papers, the proceeds to be applied towards getting a good box, in which the papers would be kept in alphabetical order, which would be a great saving of time and work to the Librarian. Some of the best papers could also be bound, if any of the money is left, but I would not advise the Society to spend any money on them, unless

the members get to using them frequently, which would make this department of some use to them. The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

I remain Mr. President and gentlemen, yours very truly,

A. E. LABELLE,

MONTRAL, *August 12, 1892.* *Librarian Canadian Philatelic Association.*

It was moved by H. F. Ketcheson and seconded by A. R. Rogers that the Librarian be authorized to sell the duplicate publications in the Library, and apply proceeds to furnish a case for same, and for binding complete volumes, carried.

The next order of business was the election of officers. In the absence of the Secretary the ballots had been entrusted to Mr. H. F. Ketcheson and were here produced. The President appointed H. F. Ketcheson and A. R. Rogers as scrutineers to examine the ballots and make report. In a few minutes the report was handed to the Chairman who then declared the following officers duly elected: E. F. Wurtele, President; A. A. Bartlett, Vice-President; T. S. Clark, Secretary-Treasurer.

H. F. Ketcheson, Exchange Superintendent; A. E. Labelle, Librarian; L. Gibb, Counterfeit Detector; W.H. Brouse, Walter McMahon and Henry Ades Fowler, Trustees.

The Finance Committee then made the following report: That they have examined the books and report of the Secretary-Treasurer and the vouchers, accompanying same, and find them correct. Signed G. N Campbell, Walter McMahon, L. W. Mott.

The Chairman then announced that if there was no other business to come before the Convention they would adjourn. It was then moved by H. F. Ketcheson, seconded by L. W. Mott, that the next convention be held at the city of Quebec, to meet at the call of the President.—Carried unanimously.

It was then moved by G. N. Campbell seconded by Walter McMahon, that this Convention adjourn *sine die.*—Carried.

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## STAMP PRINTING.

*From Vindin's Monthly, by A. J. Derrick.*

PERHAPS there are few branches of Philately, that carry with them more interest to the general reader, than the various processes by which the stamps are produced, particularly when, as in many cases, the methods used show themselves on the face of the stamps, and in this way come within the range of the amateur collector, as well as the advanced philatelist. Thus if a stamp is printed directly from an engraved plate, it is readily discernable from the ordinary lithographed copy, and one that is type printed from both. It has occured to me that a short description of the three principal methods that have been used in the production of our treasures may not prove uninteresting, and I have accordingly jotted down a few notes regarding the "Engraved" or plate-printed stamps, the "Lithographed" or transferred stamp, and those produced by the present more generally used system of Electrotyping.

"Engraved" stamps, such as the Sydney Views and Laureated of New South Wales, the first issue Van Dieman's Land, and some of the Victorian "Queen on the Throne," are dear to the hearts of collectors, not only because of their intrinsic value and great variety in shade and detail, but because in clear copies the beauty of the stamps themselves attract their attention, particularly when they are fortunate enough to possess the early or proof-impressions; and the thought is often expressed, "What a pity the same standard of excellence has not always been kept up"! But a moments reflection will show that, however beautiful our steel or copper engraving, may be, yet the methods by which they are produced, by its very slowness, must fall altogether short of the requirements of the present day, when stamps are needed and used in such vast quantities—leaving out of the

question the wearing of the plates on the production of so many, and the consequent cost of renewal—and although the electrotypes in use at the present time are faithful enough to the die from whence the design comes, yet no raised type can ever produce the effect that engraved lines do. The usual method of plate-printing is as follows: As soon as the plate leaves the engraver's hands it is ready for the press, and the process is very simple and slow. The lines of the engraving are, of course, sunk into the copper or steel, the face of the plate is then covered with a thick oily ink, which fills up all the depressions. The ink from the face has then to be carefully removed; it is first wiped with a cloth, and *afterwards* with the palms of the hands rubbed on fine whiting; when this is finished, no ink remains except in the indentations. The plate is then laid on the press with a piece of damp paper over it, and then passed under a roller covered with some woollen material, which forces it to leave the impressions of the engraved lines on the paper with the ink which they had retained. Although by machinery this is accomplished more quickly than the process seems to indicate, yet it is necessarily very slow, and when stamps are wanted in such great quantities it is out of the question, and some other and quicker method has to be adopted. The methods of producing the steel and copper plates are many and various in detail but generally speaking, they are either cut directly into the metal by the engraver's tools, or the plate is covered with a special preparation (variously composed) of a waxy nature called the etching ground, upon which the design is laid from a paper transfer upon which it has been drawn. The engraver then carefully removes the ground where the lines are to go, and then by the application of *Aqua-fortis* the design is eaten into the metal, after which it is finished by hand, and so in either method, as no engraver could produce from 24 to 50 stamps exactly alike in plate-printed stamps, there are usually as many varieties of type as the plate contains engravings. Another notable way of producing engraved stamps was practised by Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London, in the production of the plates of the second issue Van Dieman's Land and the 1d. and 6d. Queen on Throne, Victoria. One die was made in steel by hand; this was then transferred to a soft steel roller. The roller was then hardened, and as many impressions as required were then rolled into a softened steel plate, which was hardened in turn, and made ready for use; of course, in this way, there could be no variety in the stamps. The system of producing stamps by means of the lithographic stone is a much more expeditious one, but one which often mars the beauty of the engraving lamentably, particularly when the inking is not very evenly done. The first issue of Victoria—the half-length portrait of Queen is a good example of this style, only one die is of course necessary—but a plate of engravings can just as readily be used as in the case of the 2d. Queen on throne Victoria, which were lithographed from the engraved plate previously used. An impression from the die is first made on a specially prepared transfer paper; this is then laid face downwards on an ordinary lithographic stone, which takes the impression of the lithographic ink used in printing. As many of these impressions can be placed side by side as desired, and then in a printing machine there is practically no limit to the number of copies that can be worked off, providing always that the inking rollers work uniformly and well. By this plan the difficulty of keeping up the supply is quite obviated, as the number of transfers can be increased at pleasure

and any number of machines kept going at the same time; and while it was not necessary to abandon the plan in favour of the present system because of its slowness,yet we have only to look at some of our lithographed stamps to see that this plan was not always satisfactory, although with the improved lithography of the present day it could no doubt be made much more so now. But almost universally the system of reproduction by means of electrotypes has come into use at the present day, both for stamps and postcards, and is found to work admirably, only the pity is that some of our Australian Governments do not take the trouble to get the die engraved better before they start to print the stamps. Tasmania and Western Australia are perhaps the only Australian colonies that can claim any excellence in current stamps, and they are of English printing! The art of electrotyping is the production of copies of objects in *copper* by means of the electric current, and depends upon the fact that the current decomposes any solution through which it flows, separating it into its component parts. If this be pure water, oxygen and hydrogen gases are evolved; if a metallic solution, the metal is liberated and deposited upon the prepared surface of whatever is to be copied. In the case of stamps, moulds or casts of the steel or copper die to be reproduced, are made in soft printers'-type metal, and appear, when made, just the same as ordinary newspaper stereotypes. When the number of casts required have been taken, they are all arranged in the order required and screwed up tightly together at the bottom of a wooden or earthenware vat, containing besides the moulds, a special solution of four parts copper sulphate (bluestone); 20 parts water,and one part sulphuric acid by weight. A copper plate with a wire attached is also placed in the vat on one side, and the moulds attached to another wire at the top edge, placed opposite to it—both in the solution, these wires are then connected with the positive and negative poles of a weak voltaic battery—which gives a regular electric current from the battery to the copper plate, then to the casts through the solution, and then back to the battery. As the current passes through the solution it has the power, as previously mentioned, of displacing the metallic copper held in solution, and depositing it upon the prepared surface of the moulds, being copied, beginning where the wire is attached, and gradually creeping over the surface. After a few hours a layer of copper about the thickness of brown paper will be deposited, and can be increased in thickness by being immersed longer—the rate being about 1-16th of an inch per day. The moulds and their copper covering are then removed, and by inserting the point of a knife the copper comes away in one plate, containing accurate impressions of every one of the casts—only, of course, *depressions*, that is, the same as the original die or *matrix*, as it is called. If it is then desired to print from raised type or relief (as in stereotypes for newspaper work) by repeating the process and making the copper plate act as the matrix, a new one can be made exactly resembling the first moulds of the soft metal, now in copper ready to print from. This copper plate containing usually 120 or 240 stamps, is then heated, "tinned" over on the back, and backed up with stereotype metal. The metal is melted and poured over the backs of the electro, which has a frame or edging of iron placed around it. It is then trimmed off to the ordinary gauge of type, and is ready for the printing press; in this case, it is printed from the flat in the same way as an ordinary form of set-up type. This is the way in which the electros, from which

all the Victorian stamps are printed—are used—that is, with raised type and mounted; but instead of being mounted and used flat, it can be formed into a semi-circle and printed from a cylinder, as in the case of the great daily papers. If the original stamp is a wood-cut the design is raised, and then the first electrotype is ready for printing, and there is no need for the repetition. Post-cards are produced in the same way by setting up as many as are wanted for the sheet in ordinary printer's type, with an electro for the stamp, and the whole electrotyped together. All sorts of other things are used for the moulds besides type metal, such as gutta-percha, plaster of Paris, sealing-wax, and the like; but in each case these being non-conducting materials, the face of the moulds have to be brushed over with plumbago or black-lead and then polished, as the deposit of copper can only take place on a conducting surface. These electrotype plates can of course be destroyed as soon as they begin to wear, and new ones be made, so that from one die millions of stamps can be and are produced, and yet the die is none the worse, and "proof impressions" are plentiful. It can thus be readily seen that this system is very much in advance of the old. For if the die is well engraved every stamp is also, for one is an exact counterpart of the other to the minutest line, although, as before mentioned, no raised type impression equals in artistic merit those produced from engraved lines. This, then, is what the stamp printing branches of our Postal Departments are at every day to keep up the enormous supply of stamps needed in these progressive times, and there is no need in the case of these latter day stamps to damage one's eyesight and exhaust one's patience by gazing at them with a magnifying glass to discover microscopic differences, which our advanced brother, "The Plater," searches for, but we can put away our specimen with the certain knowledge that there are millions more so like it—that the likeness of the proverbial "two peas" is but a very faint comparison.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

*T. S. Clark, Sec'y C.P.A., Belleville, Ont.* CLEVELAND, O., *Sept. 11, 1892.*

DEAR SIR.—As sec'y of the C.P.A. I wish to call your attention to one Thos. O. Pardoe, of Ingersoll. He claims membership in your society, and is using it to help out in a skin game he is working. In the July number of the *American Philatelist* he inserted an advertisement as follows:—"The four Canadian envelopes for $1.00." Of course the price was a give away, but in correspondence with him he claimed a discovery of a quantity hence low rate, and upon his claim of membership in the C.P.A. and numerous references I was foolish enough to remit for 18 sets; when the envelopes came, I found them simply old hand stamps of postage due, &c., and not worth anything. The young man claims ignorance and says he was selling for a party in London, who did the shipping. I find out since that the youth writes letters under an assumed name, and an attempt at disguising his hand writing, and so takes the part of the supposed London party

as well as himself. He dallies around and refuses to make any restitution, so I wish you would see that your Canadian journals publish the young man and stop any further attempts at fraud. I have no doubt many others were caught. I will say in conclusion that Pardoe sets himself up as a dealer and probably works other games so I trust you will help to check his career. Respectfully

435 Pearl St. J. J. OVERTON, Cleveland, Ohio.

[The above letter was handed us by the Secretary of C.P.A.—Pardoe was a member of C.P.A. some time ago but was expelled for non-payment of dues. He then joined the Philatelic Society of Canada of which we believe he is now a prominent member.

We saw the advertisement which caught Mr. Overton and felt sure then that Pardoe was working some scheme to swindle. We have received numerous other complaints against him, his reputation as a stamp dealer is bad and we would advise all our readers to have nothing to do with him.—ED.]

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MANY are the ways adopted by ingenious stamp frauds to catch the unwary dealer. J. J. Morgan, of Camden, N. J., originated a little scheme which worked well, and now many are the dealers who are looking after his scalp, assisted ably by the U. S. Post Office Department. Morgan's plan was to send out a circular announcing that in a few days he intended publishing the "Columbia Philatelist," he accompanied this circular by another stating that he had a large amount of spare cash which he desired to invest in good United States stamps, and offering high prices for the same, and stating that he would not purchase any stamps till he had seen them. The owners, however, never saw the promised cash, and the following letter from the P. O. Department to one of his dupes explains why:

CAMDEN, Camden Co., N. J. *Sept. 2, 1892.*

*Mr. C. S. McKee,*

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 30th I will state that the reason your postal card was returned was owing to J. J. Morgan having decamped for parts unknow prior to its receipt, and a few days after the receipt of your stamps. He is a fraud, and you are but one of a great number of stamp dealers who have been victimized by him. A warrant is in the hands of a U. S. Marshall for his apprehension, and the case is in charge of W. P. Edgarton, Post Office Inspector, at Room No. 12, Post Office Building, Phila.

Respectfully,

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## EDITORIAL

The Annual Convention of the A. N. A. was held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., in parlor A, of the International Hotel, on Wednesday, August 17th. It was only a formal meeting, and in the absence of the President, G. W. Rode was appointed Chairman. The following Credential Committee were appointed: W. C. Stone, F. J. Grenny and L. W. Mott. They reported as follows: G. W. Rode, six proxies. The Convention then adjourned till the call of the President. The following members were present: W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.; H. E. Deats, Board of Trustees, Flemington, N. J.; F. J. Grenny, Brantford, Ont.; L. W. Mott, Oswego, N. Y.; G. W. Rode, Superintendent of Exchange, Pittsburgh, Pa., and as a visitor, Henry Ades Fowler, Toronto, Ont.—*Henry Ades Fowler.*

JUST before going to press we received from R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau St., New York City, a copy of their Complete Catalogue of all postage stamps and envelopes of the United States, including all government and local issues and those of the Confederate States. It catalogues 776 varieties and gives the prices for both used and unused; it is strongly and neatly bound and can be carried in the vest pocket. Every stamp is priced as near its actual value as the constant changes will allow. We consider it indispensible to every collector of U. S. stamps. The name of the author (R. F. Albrecht) is a guarantee of the thoroughness of the work. For prices &c., see our advertising columns.

WHEN in Toronto a few days ago we called on Mr. W. H Brouse and were permitted to see his collection of B. N. A. stamps, and must say it is the finest all round collection of these stamps we ever saw; only think of Newfoundland vermilion shillings by the ½ dozen, 4 Canada 12 pence, ½ dozen each N. B. and N. S., shillings, genuine used Connell and pages of the other pence issues of the provinces comprising every known shade and variety of paper, and you will then have a meagre idea of what it is like. Mr. Brouse has been collecting from a boy and is justly proud of his collection.

THE following clipped from *Vindin's Monthly* gives a good idea of the machine used to roulette the old Victoria stamps :—The rolling-pin rouletter, as it was called, consists of an iron spindle with a wooden handle at each end, similar in shape to the handles of an ordinary rolling-pin, and seven circular steel cutters like spurs arranged between the handles, and separated from each other at equal distances by iron tubular washers. The spindle is 14½ inches long, and the central portion of it, 6 inches in length, is half an inch in diameter, while the remaining 4½ inches at each end, over which the handles are fixed, tapers from ⅜ inch diameter next the central portion to ¼ inch diameter at the ends, forming shoulders with the central portion for the handles to be fixed against. The handles, which are hollow to allow the spindle ends to pass through them, are 4⅛ inches long, and vary in diameter to suit the hand, being about one inch at the thickest part; they have brass caps for ferrules on one end, and iron washers on the other. One of them is firmly fixed to one end of the spindle which passes through it, and is rivetted over the iron washer, while the other is movable, and can be fixed by a nut which screws on a worm at the other end of the spindle. The circular steel cutters are 3-16 inch by 1¼ inch diameter at the cutting edges, having 44 teeth of 1-16 inch in width, with gaps of 1-50 inch between them (approximate measurement). The iron washers are ⅝ inch diameter by ⅝ inch, and ¾ inch in length respectively, according as they are used for the sides, or top and bottom of the stamps, having to be changed in each case. In using the rouletter the sheet of stamps was laid upon a block of boxwood, planed perfectly true on the upper surface, and about two inches thick, 6½ inches wide, and 12 inches long; the rouletter being rolled firmly over the sheet so that the cutters came between the rows of stamps, two rolls each way being required to complete a sheet of one hundred and twenty stamps. This rouletter appears to gauge about 8½ to 9 mm. I have been informed that another rouletter, consisting of one wheel affixed to a handle, was also in use for a time at the stamp window of the General Post Office, but I have not learned any further particulars.

WE have received the Standard Stamp Company's new price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover, fully illustrated. It is very neatly printed and full of tempting offers. The publishers inform us that they printed 35,000 copies and that the list will cost them over $1,500, including postage, etc., undoubtedly the largest amount of money ever spent on a stamp price-list. They will gladly send a free copy to every collector who will address them at 925 LaSalle Street, St. Louis, Mo.

THE A. P. A. Convention at Niagara Falls, was a decided success, and the utmost harmony prevailed. Much good work was done, especially the arrangement regarding the official organ. The committee in charge of arrangements are to be congratulated on the satisfactory manner in which they performed their duties.

MR. G. N. BELL a prominent collector of Port Hope is at present in Belleville attending college, he still keeps up his interest in stamps and never looses an opportunity to add something good to his collection.

THE *American Philatelic Magazine* is announced to appear from Omaha Nebraska, October 1.

J. J. OVERTON whose letter appears in another column informs us that he has placed all the facts of his case in the hands of the P. O. Inspector at London Ont, and that every effort will be made to bring Pardoe to justice; He has we are informed left Ingersoll and token up his residence somewhere in Michigan; we notice his advertisement still running in some journals and would warn our readers to beware of him.

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SEPTEMBER Galaxy of Music contains forty-four pages of choice music, including nine vocal and instrumental selections (all of the latest and best), for 10 cents. Annual subscription, $1.00. Boston, Mass., F. Trifet, publisher, 408 Washington St.

WE have been informed on good authority that the *Canadian Philatelist* has suspended publicatiou. No reason is assigned, but we suppose the publisher has grown wealthy and has decided to travel (out of the publishing business.)

IT is understood that the next issue of the Canadian 1 cent post card will be larger in size than the one now in use, approximating more to that in circulation in the United States.—*Toronto Empire.*

I can offer Canada Gas Stamp $10.00 for $4.00, and 5 cent Gas for 75 cents. If you require these stamps to fill up your collection, buy them now, they will never be cheaper. H. F. KETCHESON, Belleville, Ont.

I have a few beautiful specimens of Canada 3 pence, unperforated, on ribbed paper for sale at $1 each. They are beauties and cheap at this price. H. F. KETCHESON, Belleville, Ont.

I CAN offer New Brunswick Law, 4 varieties, catalogue value $7.25, and including the rare $2, the 4 for $4. Have only a few. H. F. KETCHESON, Belleville, Ont.

J. E. SCHULTZE of Montreal sailed on August 28th from New York for Gibralter, on his way to Vienna Austria, by way of the Mediterranean, we wish him bon voyage.

THE coin collectors of Canada are talking of organizing a National Society to be known as the Canadian Numismatic Association;—we wish them every success.

THE P. S. of C. Convention, we are informed by an Ottawa correspondent, was a big fizzle, only three members outside of Ottawa being present.

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**I will begin sending out Exchange Books on October 15th. Every member who desires to be placed on circuit should notify me at once.**

**H. F. KETCHESON, Exchange Superintendent.**

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### SECRETARY-TREASURERS' REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, *Sept. 14, 1892.*

*To the Members of the C.P.A.*

GENTLEMEN.—I have to thank you for re-election as Sec-Treas. and trust we will have a prosperous year. I have lots of blank applications which I will be pleased to send upon request.

I submit herewith my reports viz.:

RECEIPTS.

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| Cash on hand 15 Aug. | $24.43 |
| Received for dues to date | 11.50 |
| Balance on hand Sept. 14 | $35.93 |

RESIGNED.—No. 226 Parrish, W. J.; 269 Shattuc, W. B.; 253 Scott, F. J.

NEW MEMBERS.—280 Geo. A. Moore, 1324 Queen St., West, Toronto.

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| No. of members Aug. | 85 |
| Deduct resignations | 3 |
| | 82 |
| Add new members | 1 |
| Present membership | 83 |

T. S. CLARK, *Sec-Treas*

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THE Canada Postal Union reply cards have not yet appeared. They were due July 1st last.

## AUCTION REPORTS.

FROM PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Messrs. Cheveley & Co. held their twenty-nineth sale on May 18th and 19th when many rare stamps were offered. The following were among the principal lots:

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| 307 | U.S. Justice, set unused and 3, 6, 30c. used | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| 313 | " State, 20d. unused | 3 | 17 | 6 |
| 316 | " Periodicals, complete set, 1c—60d., some pen cancelled | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 322 | Antioquia, 1st issue, 1p., unused | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 330 | Bolivar, 1st issue, 10c. green, strip of 3 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 333 | Bolivia, eleven stars, 500c. black | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| 345-52 | Buenos Ayres, 1st issue, 3p. green £2 4s 0d and | 2 | 17 | 6 |
| 346-7 | " " 5p. orange, £9 10 0 and | 9 | 10 | 0 |
| 348 | " " 3p. green, unused | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 374 | Guadalajara, 1867, medio real, cut round, but used | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 378 | " 2rls. on green batonne, unused and used | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 408 | Cordoba, 15c. lilac, unused | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 432 | New Zealand, blue paper, 2d unused | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| 451 | Tasmania, 1d. red, perf., pen cancelled but wmk. 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 459 | Victoria, beaded oval, 6d | 2 | 8 | 0 |

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FROM the *Detroit Philatelist* we learn that the *Canadian Philatelist* will not issue an August number, reason assigned, the extreme heat.

WE had a pleasant call a few days ago from Mr. Farrar Ineson of Carlton west. He is an enthusiastic coin collector.

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| " 90 blue | 15 |
| Austrian, Levant, 88, 5 pi. | 15 |
| Bavaria, 1 M., unperf. | 15 |
| Belgium, 65, 40 rose | 3 |
| †Bolivia, 67, 5 green | 6 |
| Bosnia, 5 rose | 1 |
| Br. Guiana, 82, C. A. 6 brown | 20 |
| " 89, 2 mauve, and black | 15 |
| †Br. Honduras 84, 1 rose | 10 |
| † " " 88, 2 on 1 rose | 5 |
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